

NCC Minutes 10/20/08

Open meeting: 7:10

Present: A. Watts, R. Konisky, R. LaBranche, S. Shope, L. Carroll, D. Mason, L. Hill,
Selectman R. Gilbert, Consultant E. Snyder

1) Old Business:

A.) Easement monitoring review: E. Snyder

Task 4: Annual monitoring of Conservation Easements

- Moore CE- completed with S. Shope and report sent to Town Hall and landowners (current owners= McCarthy). Original baseline report signed by Moore and filed. The exclusion area not well marked and may want to discuss putting up easement signs with current owner. R. Gilbert asked whether the excluded area could be built on. Ellen replied probably not.
- Daley CE- Orig. baseline sent to Daley for signature but he has not returned it yet. Annual site visit done with M. Bouzianis and report sent to Mr. Daley and Town Hall. There was a burn site where the old barn was which she made him aware of. There were smoke houses that were in the easement but have been moved. 6-8 cows watering in easement was pre-existing but easement agreement states they cannot affect groundwater quality. Ellen documented the situation and mentioned it to Mr. Daley. Also found that GRANITE map left out pasture land that is included in the easement. This will be fixed.
- Anderson CE- Owner signed original baseline report. Completed annual visit with L. Carroll. Have not filed report pending discussion of a tree stand they found. L. Carroll states that structures for recreation are allowed but wonders if they should be removed in off-season when not being used. A. Watts asked whether it was damaging any natural structure and pointed out that it may cause more damage to remove and replace. Ellen also pointed out that the exclusionary area is not well documented which should be done at some point.
- Cole and Greenway- completed annual visit and working on reports. Need to set up permanent file at Town Hall for these CEs.

Task 1: Review all documents and set up monitoring schedule-last task.

- Files actually fairly complete.
- She is creating field files for each easement.
- Need more room for filing and possibly fireproof.

Task 2A: Houghton Baseline- visit set up for 10/23 then need to create permanent file for Town Hall.

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Task 2B: Gilmore (Silverstein) CE- completed Baseline documentation and finalizing maps and report.

- Can she send report to them? Yes.
- Should it be registered? Yes but they may need to sign it. S. Shope will check with F. Lane.
- Ellen recommends we rename it the Silverstein CE especially due to new condition and all agree.
- Do we need to see the report before she sends it to them? A. Watts and S. Shope would like to review it.

Task 3: Inventory of other town conservation and open space lands. To be completed Nov/Dec..

E. Snyder estimates \$2,875 for her to do monitoring next year. Need to submit this to town budget and make clear this has to be done yearly.

B) Vienneau update: A. Watts- They are talking more about pervious surfaces but still don't seem to be giving much weight to DES letter. Going back to PB in 1-2 months and they still need to respond to DES.

2) Administrative Business:

A) Treasurer's report: Need to verify with Town Hall that withdrawals were for approved bills. A. Watts motions to accept, R. Konisky seconds, all in favor YES.

B) Minutes 9/15/08: Side discussion re: Poole property dumping. A. Watts suggests we send out a flyer to make people aware of the new Shoreland Protection Act. D. Mason motions to accept minutes with corrections, A. Watts seconds, all in favor YES.

3) New Business:

a. Bills- \$25 bill for refiling Silverstein. S. Shope motions to pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.

b. Correspondence- various items i.e. conference on Shoreland Prot. Act.

c. Natural Resources Inventory- R. Konisky was contacted by Chris Kane who is starting a new business with the capability of doing this task. NHEP may have grant money available. Would be a good idea to update and computerize the old inventory. R. Konisky will investigate and talk to the R.P.C. and B. Hart.

d. State passed a bill that towns could advance funds for conservation without holding ownership. Would need to be a town warrant.

4) Next meeting: 11/17/08 A. Watts will be away so D. Mason will cover. S. Shope will attend next PB meeting.

Adjourn 8:25 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 10/20/08

